

KS CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7333, as amended, a crime victim has the following rights in Kansas:

1. Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion, and with respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
2. Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they suffered.
3. Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in a civil cause of action, the crime victims' compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanism to obtain such remedies should be available to victims.
4. Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of the proceedings.
5. The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the criminal process.
6. When the personal interests of victims are affected, the view or concerns of the victim should, when appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure, be brought to the attention of the court.
7. Measures may be taken when necessary to provide for the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
8. Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose.
9. Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological, and social assistance through existing programs and services.
10. Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Crime Victims' Compensation Board (785) 296-2359

Kansas Crisis Hotline (888) 363-2287

MADD State Victims' Services (800) 443-6233

Sexual Violence Resources (877) 739-3895

Victims' Rights Program—Kansas Attorney
General's Office (785) 291-3690

*****Periodically we have organizations request victim/survivor speakers and/or victim/survivor speaker for Victim Impact Classes with offenders. If either of these opportunities sound like something that interests you please contact us for more information.**



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If you have any concerns/complaints about the services you received, please contact the Director of Victim Services at 785-296-7429 or jenniew@kdoc.ks.gov.

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Office of Victim Services

Liaisons



"Giving Kansas crime victims a voice in corrections by providing information, services and support with compassion and respect"

VICTIM SERVICES LIAISONS

The KDOC Office of Victim Services (OVS) is the division of the Kansas Department of Corrections that works specifically with victims of crime. Focusing on victim safety and their needs, the OVS collaborates with facility and parole staff to ensure that victims have a voice and their concerns are taken into consideration when managing an offender.

The Victim Services Liaisons (VSL) are specialized OVS staff that work directly with victims to ensure that their safety needs are identified and addressed. Currently, there are seven VSLs located across the state, both in the correctional facilities and parole offices to assist with safety services.

Parole Liaison: Assists crime victims while the offender is being supervised in the community by a parole officer.

Facility Liaison: Assists crime victims while the offender is incarcerated in a Kansas Department of Corrections facility.

All of our services are confidential, voluntary and victim initiated. If you have questions or would like more information, please call us toll free at 1-866-404-6732

The office of Victim Services does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and age in the delivery of services.

LIAISON SERVICES

In addition to standard notification services available from the OVS, Victim Services Liaisons can also assist with the following:

Safety Planning: Work with victims or family to address possible safety threats and create a plan of action for each situation.

Special Conditions: Request to the parole board for a specific condition of parole for safety reasons.

Morrissey Hearing Assistance: Attend a parole revocation hearing with the victim to provide support and advocacy.

Referrals: Provide information about helpful community resources.

Parole Advocacy: Make recommendations to the parole officer that specifically target victim safety concerns.

Cease Correspondence: Stop unwanted contact from an incarcerated offender.

Visiting Applications: Assist victims interested in visiting an incarcerated inmate.

Facility Tours: Conduct a guided tour of a Kansas Correctional Facility.

GLOSSARY

Because you may encounter some terms that are unfamiliar, the following glossary explains some of the most commonly used phrases:

Absconder: an offender who fails to report to their parole officer as scheduled and their whereabouts are unknown. Absconders are considered fugitives and are subject to immediate arrest when located.

CRB: Community Residential Bed Facility. A structured living program used to transition offenders with few resources, into the community.

Determinate Sentence: Also referred to as "New Law." Sentencing structure in which the offender's period of incarceration is determined at sentencing.

Good Time: Opportunity for an incarcerated inmate to earn credit of 15-20% of their sentence for good behavior, therefore reducing the portion of the sentence that must be served in a correctional facility. The credited time will be added to the post-release supervision so the entirety of the term will not be affected or reduced.

Indeterminate Sentence: Also referred to as "Old Law." Sentencing structure in which the Kansas Parole Board determines when an incarcerated inmate will be released.

Morrissey Hearing: Revocation process for an offender supervised in the community.

Parole Conditions: Specific list of rules all released offenders are required to comply with - This includes No Contact with Victims of the crime of conviction. Additionally, *special conditions* can be imposed. These are specific to an offender's situation and are often requested for safety reasons.

Post-Release Supervision: Period in which an offender with a determinate sentence has served the maximum time (less any good time credits) and is released into the community to be supervised by a parole officer. This is also often referred to as parole supervision.

Release Date: An approximate date on or about when an offender will be released. This date can fluctuate with the loss/credit of good time or by parole board decision.

Sentence Discharge Date: The date on which an offender will have served the entire sentence imposed by the court and they are no longer accountable to the KDOC.